

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
U.S. Appln. No. 10/050,716

REMARKS

Claims 30-61 are all the claims currently pending in the application. By this Amendment Applicants are adding new claims 62-75. No new matter has been added. In particular, the subject matter recited in claims 62-75 is believed to be supported by at least figure 9 and its attendant description in the specification.

Conclusion

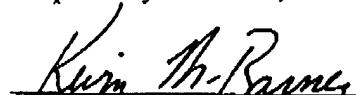
The application is believed to be in form for immediate allowance with claims 30-75, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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